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1. On 10 July 1953, State Secretary Willi Meier, Deputy Minister of the Interior, accompanied by numerous high-ranking people's police officers including some generals riding in ten sedans arrived in Glowe on Ruegen Island, to inspect the building sites at the canal near Glowe. They discussed measures to be taken by Bau-Union Nord in Glowe to wind up the last operations for the Ruegenhafen Project, for which all work, except operations required to protect the building sites and except the construction of the sewerage plant at the convicts camp at the west of Glowe, had been stopped.¹
2. Orders were issued to remove all convicts from Glowe by 18 July 1953. About 1,400 convicts had still been on Ruegen Island on 10 July 1953. Source learned that they would be transferred to Fuerstenberg on the Havel River and the VP guard details would also leave for an undetermined destination on 18 July. Another instruction ordered that, with the exception of 200 workers, who were needed by Bau-Union for clearing work, safety and winding up operations, all civilian workers of Bau-Union Nord be dismissed by 26 July. A total of 1,000 civilian workers had still been working on the Ruegenhafen project on 10 July. The last operations must be finished not later than September. After finishing all work in Glowe, Bau-Union Nord will be liquidated.
3. In early July 1953, the stepping dredge, which had worked at the canal building near Glowe was assigned to Bau-Union Fuerstenberg on the Havel River and was shipped to Fuerstenberg.² The second stepping dredge was shipped to Magdeburg as it was not in working order.
4. Several workers and foremen stated that some of the gears, such as dredges, small-gauge railroad engines and other items, were shipped to Gross Dölln, where some of the workers and foremen were offered jobs at the airfield under construction there.

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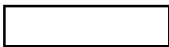
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
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25X1A 3.  Comment. A new airfield is under construction in the
Schornheide near Gross Döhlen.

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